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## MONTANA RECEIVES THREE MAJOR HISTORY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Montana Historical Society, the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula and the Montana Department of Transportation were awarded three of the 71 Leadership in History Awards given for 2007 nationally by the American Association for State and Local History.

“I believe that Montana’s strong showing for these prestigious awards is a credit to all of those across the state who share a commitment to our history and heritage,” Society Director Richard Sims said.

The Society’s “Montana Mosaic: 20<sup>th</sup> Century People and Events,” DOT Historian Jon Axline’s book “Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana’s Historic Highway Bridges, 1860-1895” published by the Society, and Fort Missoula’s “Missoula History Minutes: 250 years of Missoula Stories” all received awards.

Montana Mosaic is a 12-part series on DVD developed by the Society that is sent to school libraries across the state as a tool to teach Montana history throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Conveniences Sorely Needed is an important book whose preservation message is taken directly to people across the state by book talks and other programs done jointly by the Society and Axline.

Missoula History Minutes done in conjunction with Cherry Creek Radio took local history to people in an exciting and informative format.

Robert Brown, Fort Missoula's executive director and state leadership chair for AASLH, said the three awards "demonstrate that the historical community of Montana is vibrant, vital, and second to none in the caliber of its presentation of history."

The awards will be presented Sept. 8 at the AASLH annual meeting in Atlanta.